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SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 3

1. ANGLO- FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION: DEATH AND REBIRTH

LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 16 TH, UK AND FRENCH UN REPS REACHED AGREEMENT ON DRAFT SC RESOLUTION WHICH, ACCORDING TO USUN, " ENTIRELY IGNORED OUR POSITION" ON WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A BALANCED RESOLUTION. EARLY ON THE 17 TH, THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOTIFIED EMBASSY LONDON THAT UK " HAD BEEN FORCED TO ABANDON EFFORT TO LAUNCH ANGLO- FRENCH DRAFT." UKUN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WORK TO AMEND LEBANESE DRAFT. THE FOREIGN OFFICE OPINED THAT THERE IS A CHANCE OF OBTAINING " SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS" BUT NO POSSIBILITY OF A TOTALLY BALANCED RESOLUTION. FOREIGN OFFICE THEN REVEALED THAT ANGLO- FRENCH DRAFT ACTUALLY LEBANESE DRAFT WITH SUGGESTED UK AMENDMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 1384, 4/16 AND LONDON 4534, 4/17.

2. PRESS REPORTS OF GVN " INVASION" OF CAMBODIA ARE FALSE

SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY ACTION ALONG CAMBODIAN BORDER
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(TINH BIEN DISTRICT) ACTUALLY CONSISTS OF PATROLS AND
LIGHT SCREENING FORAYS BY ONE RANGER BATTALION AND TWO

SQUADRONS OF ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS. NO GROUND
ASSAULTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AGAINST NVA OR KHMER IN-
SURGENT UNITS NOR HAVE ANY POSITIONS WITHIN CAMBODIA BEEN
OCCUPIED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) SAIGON 6505, 4/17.

3. GVN WILL NOT PARTICIPATE AT ASEAN MEETING

THE GVN HAS REFUSED TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE ASEAN
MEETING, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF IRRITATION OVER ASEAN
PRETENTION TO ASSUME IMPORTANT ROLE IN RECONSTRUCTION OF
INDOCHINA. THE GVN WOULD RATHER RECEIVE ASSISTANCE
DIRECTLY FROM LARGE DONOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS US, UK, OR
JAPAN. (CONFIDENTIAL) SAIGON 6563, 4/17.

4. INDONESIA SUPPORTS ARABS AT UNSC

RESPONDING TO THE SECRETARY' S LETTER, THE INDONESIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD EMBASSY JAKARTA THAT THEIR UN
DELEGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO SUPPORT ANY MOVE
TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UN, BUT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ALIENATING MOSLEM OR ARAB
SENTIMENT. INDONESIA HAS LONG REGARDED ARAB TERRORISM
AS A LEGITIMATE EXPRESSION OF UNSATISFIED PALESTINIAN
DEMANDS. (CONFIDENTIAL) JAKARTA 4537, 4/17.

5. INDIAN REACTION TO SECRETARY' S LETTER

INDIA WILL ADOPT THE SAME POSITION IN THE PRESENT SC
DEBATE AS IT DID IN SEPTEMBER 1972, I. E. INDIA
CONTINUES TO SEE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN # VIOLATION
OF NATIONAL BORDERS BY A SOVEREIGN STATE AND TERRORISM
BY A PRIVATE GROUP. EMBASSY NEW DELHI COMMENTS THAT
DESPITE THIS ATTITUDE IT DOUBTS GOI " WILL TAKE
LEAD IN SUPPORTING POSITIONS HOSTILE TO US."
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